(c) and (d) The figures for demand and actual supply to power (Utilities) during last three years are given as under:

| | (Figures in Mt.) | | |
|---|---|---|---|
| | 2003-04 | 2004-05 | 2005-06 |
| Demand as per Plan Document | 256.00 | 279.52 | 303.56 |
| Actual supply (indigenous) | 288.12 | 285.18 | 299.76 |

The Government has taken the following steps to meet the requirement of Coal.

(i) 97 mining projects have been undertaken for implementation by CIL during Tenth Plan.

(ii) improvement in equipment utilization;

(iii) timely implementation of projects;

(iv) all new mines are being planned with mechanization;

(v) increasing productivity in both underground and opencast mines;

(vi) 123 coal blocks have been allotted to various private/public sector companies;

(vii) emergency coal production has been planned for increasing production in existing mines/projects.

**SPV for buying coal blocks abroad**

1037. SHRI B.J. PANDA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Coal India Ltd. (CIL) proposes to set up two Special Purpose Vehicles (SPVs) to buy coal blocks abroad;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this unit also proposes to increase the coal production to 520 ml. tonnes per year during the Eleveth Five Year Plan; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) and (b) Coal India Limited (CIL) has proposed to set up a new subsidiary "Coal Videsh Limited" for acquiring coal equities abroad and the proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(c) and (d) CIL has projected a target of 520.50 million tonnes in the terminal year of Eleventh Plan *i.e.* 2011-12. Since the activities of CIL for its proposed foreign acquisitions are in the initial stages, coal production projection in 2011-12 does not include any contribution from foreign sources and is to be achieved from operation within the country only.

**Corruption in coal companies**

1038. SHRI MOTIUR RAHMAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is rampant corruption and irregularities in coal companies which Government have failed to check; and

(b) the steps taken to check the corruption and irreguiarities in coal companies?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYAN RAO): (a) No, Sir. However, complaints received regarding specific instances of corruption/irregular activities are attended to and investigated by the Vigilance Department of the concerned subsidiary company of Coal India Limited. Punitive action is initiated against employees found indulging in corrupt practices and irregularities.

(b) Preventive vigilance measures are taken by way of system study, surprise checks and regular inspections. Recommendations are given by the Vigilance Department to improve the system wherever felt necessary from vigilance angle so as to plug the loopholes in the system observed. Circulars in this regard are also issued for compliance.

**Accidents in coal mines**

†1039. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there have been many accidents in coal mines during the last four to five years;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.